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FOR: BIPOTENTIAL LIVER CELL LINES ;
FROM WILD-TYPE MAMMALIAN
LIVER TISSUE

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132

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SIR:

Helene Strick-Marchand and Mary C. Weiss state that:

1. We are named inventors of the above-identified application for patent.

2. We are authors of a publication entitled "Inducible differentiation and morphogenesis of bipotential liver cell lines from wild-type mouse embryos", appearing in *Hepatology* October 2002 vol. 36, No. 4, part 1, pp. 794-804.

3. The relevant disclosure of this publication as it relates to Claims 1-46 of the present application is our own work.

4. The undersigned declare further that all statements made herein of their own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under

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Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may
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